HEAVIER DEFENSES FOR U. S. COAST ARE URGED IN REPORTS Superstition of the

Lessons From Europe's War Are Cited by Generals Weaver and Scriven.

FOR BIGGER AERO SERVICE

Gunfire Ashore More Than Equal Match for Gunfire Afloat, It Is Asserted.

Lessons of the European war are ited in reports of the thirt of coast artillery and the chief signal officer of the army, made public teday, in advoacy of heavier coast fortifications and increases in the aviation service.

The European war has confirmed in a remarkable way the value of coast fortifications," said Brig. Gen. E. M. Weaver, chief of coast artiflery. In his eport to Secretary Garrison. The reports of adjutant general surgeon general, quartermaster general, and chief signal officer also were submitted

'All that has ever been claimed in the way of coast fortifications being able successfully to resist the attacks of warships in an attempt to run by has been and is being demonstrated at the Dardanelles," General Weaver said. Beyond question, it there has been established that gunfire ashore is more then an equal match for gunfire affoat.

U. S. System Formidable.

"Similarly, the fortifications protect ing the German coast on the North and Baltic seas have served to protect the lerman navy from the overpowering English fleet. Also the improvised coast defenses constructed by the Germans along the Belgian coast have proved their effectiveness in belding off the British werships.

'Hereafter the ability of coast fortifications to protect coast cities and an-chorages from bombardment; and to prevent an enemy naval force from run-ning past fortifications in restricted

waters, cannot be doubted.
"The United States possesses today the most formidable system of coast defenses in the world." General Weaver's report says. He declares, however, that t is insufficiently manned. The Coast Artillery Corps is short 530 officers and 10.828 enlisted men of the strength necessary to man the present coast for-tifications, he said. He places the ap-proximate cost of the guns and mortars for which no manning bodies have been provided at \$41,000,000. To provide for this shortage will require \$5,750,000 an-

For manning the Potomac river de-fenses, General Weaver holds that thirty-seven officers and 762 men are

Recommends 17-inch Gun. General Weaver suggests that advant-

age will be gained by adopting guns of 17-inch caliber. The effectiveness of the 42-centimeter guns in Germany is cited as an argument for large caliber. shortage in ammunition

serious deficiency, General Weaver de-clares. He urges that the accumulation of ammunition should be such as to enable the Government to conduct a war of the first magnitude for such a period as will enable the industrial and manufacturing agencies of the country to become organized and operative. At present there is only a two-hour allowance for the half the armament in continental United States tinental United States.

In the report of Brig. Gen. George P. Seriven, chief signal officer, a strong aris made for increased aviation

"The war in Europe has emphasized the absolute processive for an adequate aviation service." General Scriven says. "and has illustrated in a most forceful way the dangers resulting from an in-adequate supply of personnel and ma-terial."

Wants More Aviators.

General Seriven says the proper strength should be eighteen aviation squadrons of 368 officers and 2,360 men. The total cost of the equipment for these organizations would be \$4,284,000. This is a peace footing. He would increase the war strength by giving comcrease the war strength by giving com-missions to licensed amateur pilots. He would modify the restrictions regarding age, rank, and marriage so as to open the service to all officers of the line. The report of Mai. Gen. James B. Ale-shire, quartermaster of the army, also made public today, urges the advisabil-ity of procuring fabrics in which Ameri-can dyes could be used as a means of can dyes could be used as a means of gaining independence of German dye-

The report of Brig, Gen. H. P. Mc-Cain, adjutant general, places the actual strength of the army at 105,393, of which 4,798 are officers and 101,195 culisted men. The records showed that of the commissioned officers only one, Col. John L. Clein, was in service during the civil war. Colonel Clem was retired in August

General McCain says that additions to General McCain says that additions to the clerical force in his offices probably will be needed soon. During the year there were eleven deaths in his depart-ment. The average age of the clerks who died was sixty-five years, and their average service thirty-one years.

Heavy decrease in malaria cases at
Fort Washington is noted in the report of Brig. Gen. William C. Gorgas,
surgeon general of the army.

Reduction In Malaria.

"It is satisfactory to note that Fort Washington, Md. has an admission ate for malaria of only 14.71, as conpared with 35.62 in 1913," General God-gas said. "When it is recalled that this post had the excessive rate of 700 as recently as 1906, and that for the ears 19ss to 1911 the rate was only once below 30, the result of intelligent and persistent work to reduce malarial disease is apparent Lieut, T. C. Jackson, Medical Reserve Corps, is given chief credit for the success of the cam-General Gorgas recommends that quarters should be built for all officers on duty at Valter Reed Hospital. At present there are only two sets of ofaign against malaria

The army had its healthiest year in 1914, General Gorgas reported.

Spanish War Veterans Prepare for Xmas Tree

The members of the various camps of Spanish War Veterans in the District with auxiliary organizations are preparing for their annual Christmas tree entertainment, which is to be given at Carroll Hall, 916 Tenth street; on the evening of January 1.

The entertainment will be elaborate. The program is not only to be in keeping with the spirit of the season, the ommittee in charge declares, but with the spirit of patriotic organizations.

PHOTOPLAYS AND PHOTOPLAYERS By GARDNER MACK.

Photoplayers Only Natural, Declares Picture Stars.

The photoplay studio seems to have fallen heir to a number of superstitions of the stage. Actor folk are supposed to be very superalitions. The business they are in is said to make for belief in outside forces operating to shape their 'iv's, There is believed to be something mysterious about the stage, as a matter of fact, and this probable helps to create an air of mysticism about the actors themselves. In any event actors are noted for their superstitions, and now the photopley has felt the burden of them.

It will be remembered that when Anna Paylowa-the Russian dancer who is here this week, by the waywas engaged in the making of a picture in the Universal studio recently, she refused to go on with cently, she refused to go on with her work while a red-haired man re-mained in the studio. It happened that there was a red-haired properly man working about the stage, and the great dancer ordered him out of the building. There is an actress, Ella Hall, with the Universal Com-pany who has no superstitions—at least she says she hasn't, and who has observed the tendencies of her staters.

"No one who played on the legitimate stage will be surprised at Mme.
Paylowa's refusal to go on with her
work while a red-haired property
man remained with the company,"
declares Miss Hall.

"If she considered red-headed people brought her ill-luck, no member
of the profession would condemn her
action. Actors are a superstitious
race, and allowances are always
made for their peculiarities. Their
mania takes different forms. I have
known another dancer who could not known another dancer who could not set foot on the stage without first-excuse me-spitting in her left shoe. If she forgot this important ceremony in her dressing room, she would sit down in the wings, remove her slipper and recommendations. her slipper, and perform the func-

"Some actors get into a perfect panic if any one whistles in their dressing rooms; others are sure that the performance will be ruined if their dresser places their shoes on a table. Lots of women cross themselves the last thing before they make an entrance; others must be slapped on the left shoulder, and I have known a pretty girl, whose cue bad been called to rush distractedly the wings begging for some

one to slan her!
"I knew a leading lady whose dressing room was filled with mechanical toys, walking dogs, jumping kittens, and such things, and these must all be solemnly set in motion before she could go on. Ever so many players have a mascot which never leaves their dressing room, sometimes it is a toy like a Japanese doll, or a china dog, sometimes a certain article of make-up, a brush, or rab-bit's foot, which must be carefully preserved and used no matter how old and useless it may be.

"One woman preserves a bit of the gown in which she played her first

success, and this scrap has to be stitched into one of the gowns which she wears in each subsequent production. A mistake in billing an actor's name in his first appearance is considered enormously lucky, and must never be changed. Ada Rehan's stage name was the result of an er-ror, for example."

A combination of two of the better known and oldest motion picture theaters of the city under one man-agement is announced by Wayne W. theaters of the city under one management is announced by Wayne W. Aireye, who has just assumed charge of the Hippodrome and Alhambra theaters. These two theaters, which are showing the Universal company's films, are to be operated by the same company, under Mr. Aireye's management in the future. They will establish a general admission price of 5 cents for week days and 10 cents for Sundays.

It is the intention to present on Sundays the Universal's Broadway features, a series of special productions, in which well-known stage stars appear. Manager Aireye will make some changes in the manner of presenting films in order to get the best possible values from each subject. By combining the bookings of the houses a series of better plays is obtained for both and the general program will be improved. G. M.

SHERIFF COMES FOR ALLEGED MURDERER

Florida Official to Return With Negro Charged With Killing C. F. Avery.

Sheriff Ramsey, of Gainesville, Fla., vill arrive in Washington today to take harge of Willie Turner, alleged murderer of C. F. Avery, veteran horse owner, who was killed in his stable at the Gainesville fair grounds on November 24 and buried in a box stan.

Turner, who came here with two race horses, one of which was the property of Avery, was arrested on suspicion. The police say that he admitted to Capt. Charles Peck, of the First pre-cinct, on last Wednesday that before he left Gainesville with the horses he had killed Avery. He said he had struck Avery in the head with an ax after Avery had thrown the ax at him, according to the police. cording to the police.

Carabao Banquet Is Arranged for Tonight

The Military Order of the Carabao will give its twelfth banquet tonight at the Army and Navy Club. The order is composed of officers who served in the regular and volunteer forces of the army and navy in the Philippines. The committee in charge of arrangements for the dinner is headed by Brig. Gen. Earl A. Godwin, U. S. A., retired.

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Weinstock declared he met his wife

through the medium of an advertise ment inserted by her father, kram-

Weiss, a Pottatown merchant, who of-fered \$1.00; to the man who should ain the love and marry his afflicted dough-ter. He claimed that he courted and

Fork Breaks Man's Jaws;

WOODSTOWN, N. J., Dec. 18.-Eu-

Reunion Is Planned By McKinley Alumni

The annual Christmas reunion of the Alumni Association of the McNinley cause his father-in-law did not suck to two a Manual Training School will be held his agreement to pay \$1.00 to the man have at the school Thursday, December 25, who would marry his mute daughter.

French prime minister, was the because of brutal treatment, she asked of English and American corre-that he be required to support their terday, William Phillip Simms, United Press staff correspondent, presided.

Weinstock declared he met his wife

TODAY'S BEST FILMS

By GARDNER MACK.

A. H. Van Buren and Theda Bara in "The Galley Slave," adupted from the play by Sattley Car.p-bell (Fox Film Company), Cran-Gall's, Ninth and E. streets, Marguerite Clarke in "Helene of the North" (Famous Players), the leader, Ninth between E and F

Lillian Lorraine and William Court-leigh, jr., "Neal of the Navy" (Pathe), thirteenth installment, die Masonic Auditorium: fifth Install-ment, the Georgia, 242; Georgia

Lou Tellegen in "The Unknown" (Lasky) Loew's Commbia, Pwelfth and F streets. George Paycett in "The Majesty of the Law" (Morosco), Crandalis Apollo, 621 if street northeast.

Ruby Hoffman in "The Danger Sig-nal," the Strand, Ninth and D streets.

Sam de Grasse in "Martyrs of the Alame" and Hale Hamilton in "Her Painted Hero" (Triangle Films), the Garden, 423 Ninth

Bessie Eyton in Their Sinful In-fluence" (Seliz), the Revere, Georgia avenue and Park road. Hobart Ecsworth and Jane Novak in "The White Scar" (Universal), the Olympic, 1431 U street. Matt Moore and Jane Gall in "The Little Lady Across the way" (Imp), the Alhambra, 519 Seventh street.

i. M. Anderson and Marguerite Clayton in "A Christmas Resenge" (Essangy), the Colonial, 927 Fennsylvania a chue.

Note-These selections are made from programs prepared by the managers of the theaters concerned, and no responsibility is assumed for arbitrary changes without notice to The Times. They are based on the personality of the players and the producing company and not per-sonal inspection, except in special cases. G. M.

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SHUSTER WARNS OF

Expects to See New York Bombarded If Steps for Defense Aren't Taken.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 .- The invasion of America, beginning with the bombardment of New York city, by European or Asiatic nations within five years unless adequate steps for de-fense are taken was predicted yes-terday at a meeting of the Special Aid Society, by W. Morgan Shuster, the young American who served for a terday at a meeting of the Special Aid Society, by W. Morgan Shuster, the young American who served for a time as treasurer-general of Persia.

The society, which is composed of many prominent women and headed by Mrs. William Alexander, is working among the women of the country in co-operation with the National Security League to arouse the people to the need for preparedness. The meeting yesterday was held at 597 Fifth avenue, the headquarters of the organization.

Mr. Shuster spoke of the pacifists more in sorrow than in anger. He said:

"If these views were confined to a very few people it wouldn't be worth while to answer them, but we have many statesmen urging unprepared-

many statesmen urging unprepared-ness and also numerous clergymen and college professors who are putting before the American people the idea that an untried and dangerous theory unsupported by the history of any nation will be a sufficient secur-ity in time of peril.

Recalls China's History.

"The history of China during the last fifty years should convince any rational person that turning the other cheek in international affairs doesn't work."

Mr. Shuster denounced the version of
American history taught in the schools of the nation, and asserted that the United States had blundered through two or three wars almost at the cost

of national existence,
"I don't like radical assertions," said
Mr. Shuster, "but I really believe that
if I live five years more I will see New York bombarded unless we demonstrate within that time that we are a homogeneous nation and drive a certain legis-lative party out in favor of a reason-able defence policy.

able defence policy.
"Our paodist friends tell us we will become brutally aggressive if we have a larger army of, say, 141,000 regulars and a continental army of 400,000 As a matter of fact the aggressive power of such an army would be limited to just the eighteen different armies fighting in Europe." Mr. Shuster said that even at the present time when the ustions are in death goins not one pays the slightest attention to the notes and protests of "We are not respected-we are

laughed at in Europe lecture it is known that we wouldn't dare declare war on anything but a fourth rate nower. The went on "It doesn't create any friendly feeling for us that in this risis we are getting fat as a result of

Pretexts For Attacks.

two nations formers and Answer and have filed strong notes of mrates amount the acts of Great Pritain age France. I shall be very serry if at the end of the war we have to straighter at \$ p. m.

There will be a short business session. There will be a short business session followed by motion pictures, fancing, stock, of Philadelphia, advanced before and refreshments. John W. Hardwell, of the class of 1908, is president of the office of described and nonsupport.

The descripted wife answered watter been sixty at least nations of Europe harze of described wife answered watter been given the picture for an attack on the control of the Writers Fete Briand.

PARIS. Dec. 18.—Aristide Briand, the lew French prime minister, was the lew French prime minister, was the lew French prime minister, was the level of English and American course.

Short addresses urging the as read. men to work for preparedness wer mile by Howard Tay or god S. Stan-med Menken, president of the National Scendty League. Among those of the meeting were disilliam Alexander, Mrs. William H. ins: Mrs. Fredwick Foster Carey, Mrs. ward Pavison Mrs. Bradist G. John-

n Mrs. Frederick Prayson Mrs. Henr Perry, Mrs. Alexander D. B. Frat s. T. J. O'llbey Edinelander Mr Visian Spencer, Mrs. Chooks Van Rens colors and Mrs. A. H. Washington.

the love and marry his afflicted doughter. He claimed that he courted and induced the girl to merry him, but that her father failed to give up the \$1,000. Wels testified that he sent his sominish to a Pottstown husness college, and "had he proved himself to be a man rather than a brute," he would nave set him up in business. Judge Miller required Weinstock to pay \$2.50 a week toward the support of his daughter. What Every Mother Knows Every Mother knows that during

the trying period before baby comes the use of Mother's Friend, a dependable external remedy obtained Prong Punctures Throat of druggists, is absolutely neces sary so as to avoid the pains caused woodstown, N. J., Dec. 18.—Engene Peterson, a farmer, was probably
fatally injured at his home near here
today when he accidentally stuck his
pitchfork into the rapidly revolving flywheel of fodder-cutting machine.

The handle was twisted from his
hands, and whirling about, struck him,
fracturing both laws. Hurled from the
wheel with terrific force, the fork again
struck Peterson, one of the sharp tines
piercing his throat. He was removed
to a Philadelphia hospital in a dying
condition.

Sary so as to avoid the pains caused
by undue tension upon the cords,
ligaments and muscles resulting
from muscular expansion. Under the
surface is a network of fine nerve
threads, and by applying Mother's
Friend all these are soothed and
helped. Expansion is natural, and
pains are relieved. In many cases
nausea, morning sickness and other
distresses are avoided.—Advt. distresses are avoided .- Advt.

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MUSIC

WAR IN FIVE YEARS Master Program Given by Paderewski at New National Theater.

> Of all the master programs that have fathomable Faderewski, probably none was ever more full of the true beauty of music than he put into the one recital of the season in which Mrs. Wilson Greeze presented him at the New National Theater yesterday afternoon There were moments for tears, because of a beauty and meaning that words cannot convey. There was pure ro-mance from Schumann reincarnated by Paderewski; and a real revelation of nationalism in his Chopin and Lizzt. Novelty was also given in the many compositions that are seldom or never

ENLISTED MARINES RUN PRESS BUREAU

been given Washington by the un- Privates May Now Carry Swagger Sticks-Other Items Announced.

> An order permitting the carrying of swagger sticks by the enlisted men of the United States Marine Corps, the urning down of the application of one William Shakespeare, who was anxious to callist in the corps; the retirement of the wealthiest enlisted man in the service of the United States, the rejection of the enlistment of a web-footed young man, the refusal of a munitions plant to employ retired marines of Irish nativity as guards, and the threat of a rejected applicant to petition Congress to overrule the recruiting officer who refused to enroll him, were items of information handed out by the publicity bureau of the United States Marine

Quite different from all else was the French group. Clarity, tone, each phrase a gem of orchestral color. The couperly "La Bandoline," an air from a wood-wind, his "Carillon de Cytere," a delicious weaving of tone with subtle dynamics, and "Le Coucou," of Daouin, and the Schumann "Etdeos Symphoniques." They were announced with a rare micodic "singlik," that had malesty and the Schumann "Etdeos Symphoniques." They were announced with a rare micodic "singlik," that had malesty and type the repose. In their wondrous lyric to be entermbered, and for encore Pederowski played the lovely Schumann "Abendlied."

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It was insight into the heart of a people that cume through all the organization of the method of the Chopin "Polonnise." A-maior, and that was heard with the rarely played thirteerth Humarian Engagedy of Lizt with its "wait of the prople," its understanding of them the beauty and the pathos in every tigure. And then Mr. Pades erow, at added an unknown Chopin magurias and the triumpal "Million in magurias and the triumpal "Million in magurias and the triumpal" "Million in maguria

Senator Chamberlain of Oregon and Major General Killed.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 18.—Major General Stockhauser has been killed in action, according to advices from Berlin today.

Congressman Hay of Virginia, chairmen of the Schate and House Military Affairs committees, will speak on "Proparedness from the Congressional Viewpoint" at the University Club tonight at 9 o'clock.

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